

## Our Trip to the Old Country

Every true son or daughter of the town of Whitstable, loves the sea and never tires of watching it. Each lives as close to it as he can even though the sea may, with a strong wind behind it, gather enough impetus at high tide to come over the sea wall and enter one's home. This only happens once or twice in a lifetime and does not discourage the true native or cause him to move to higher ground.

We found one cousin living in a comfortable and original home made from part of a shipyard. She had managed to incorporate the shipyard forge into her kitchen fireplace. Another had converted an old inn on the seaford into an interesting dwelling. This inn had survived from smuggling days and its present occupant was neither surprised nor troubled when he unearthed portions of a human skeleton while renovating his new front. During the floods of 1952 the sea broke in the big front window and deposited his row boat and a ton or so of shingle right on the living room rug. All the tales of flood we heard were told in high glee—just as we Canucks tell about blizzards, 60 below zero, etc.—one can slam the door in the face of a howling blizzard but when the sea demands entrance it's a different story.

Living at Whitstable and known to Irma folk are Mrs. J. L. Reeves, formerly of Mannville and Miss Edna Pierce who visited here in 1954. Both send their best regards. Miss Pierce especially wished to be remembered to the "Irma Times".

Six miles from Whitstable is the Cathedral city of Canterbury. We spent a day there passing through the famous West Gate and by the Peleatani Inn. Canterbury Cathedral is a beautiful building in the Gothic style of architecture. It is the oldest cathedral in England and ranks first in prominence in the Anglican church. The wonderful pillars, vaulted roof, carved screens, stained glass, etc., of this glorious church of Christ are beyond description. Here, Thomas A. Becket was martyred in 1170 and here the Black Prince was buried, also King Henry IV and his queen Joan of Navarre and many others famous in the history of both church and state.

We left Whitstable for Maidstone, another old Kentish town. Our road lay through miles and miles of cherry, plum and apple orchards and we passed by acres and acres of hopfields. Kent has been called the garden of England and the roses were at their best. Every garden seemed full of them. They clambered up trellises and rioted over arches and garden walls until it was almost more than one could bear.

At Maidstone we were given the pleasure of picking and eating the very best cherries we've ever tasted.

—To be Continued.

## HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Irma Home and School Association will meet at the school lunch room on Monday, December 12 at 8:15 p.m. There will be a report on the Mannville Convention and a social evening.

## 4-H BEEF CLUB NEWS

Attention all 4-H Beef Club members! The regular meeting for December is to be held on Saturday, December 11 at the Irma Legion Hall at 2 o'clock sharp. All members are asked to please attend and be on time. New members are always welcomed.

The next meeting of the Strawberry Plains W.I. will be held on December 12 at the home of Mrs. Cairns, Hinton, Mrs. Creasy and Mrs. Cairns. Roll call, Exchange of Christmas gifts, Raffle, Mrs. A. Long Program, Mrs. C. E. Tinsford.

## WITH THE District Agriculturist

By J. S. Duncan

**Coyote Control.**  
Reports that are being received indicate that coyotes are both numerous and hungry. There have been reports of losses of poultry and a few of pigs being killed. Farmers who are using their report good results from the use of Cyanide Gums and Strychnine Pellets. Both of these are available from your Pest Control Office and both are easy to use and safe if used properly. If coyotes seem to be getting too numerous around your farm this is the time to thin them out. Every female killed now means from three to six less coyotes next fall. When means of control are available free of charge, no one should be bothered by coyotes.

**Wintering Cattle.**  
There could be a very long feeding period this winter and there will be some with only a limited feed supply. While feed should not be wasted it is a bad mistake to try to skimp on feed at the beginning of the feeding period. It is much better to keep in high feed than to let them fail badly and then try to bring them back later. If you are short of hay, a little bit of grain can make a big difference to the amount of roughage needed and also to the condition of your cattle. A mineral supplement of salt, bone meal and limestone should be available at all times if no other mineral supplement is being fed. Cows in calf should get a Vitamin "A" supplement to avoid the possibility of a poor lot of calves.

**Rat Control.**  
Just recently two farmers in the Lloydminster area were taken into the pest control office to co-operating property in rat control. Everyone in the eastern part of Alberta should be on the lookout for rats and their close relatives. Rats are in the first two or three ranges west of the border, should have proper bait stations out and keep poison out at all times. Wherever possible, any possible rat harbours should be cleaned up or removed. Any sign or suspicion of rats should be reported at once to the Pest Control Office.

Most farmers are co-operating very well but there are some who do not. Those few who do not co-operate are not being fair to their neighbors who are trying to control rats and so it may be necessary to deal with them more severely. Rats are too expensive to keep so let's get rid of them.

## CHURCH SERVICES

**UNITED CHURCH**  
Sunday, December 11  
Irma Sunday School, Bible Class at 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:30 a.m.  
Jarrow Worship 2:30 p.m.  
H. W. Inglis, Minister.  
Sunday, December 12, Christmas Service at Irma with special music by the choir.

**CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE TABERNACLE**  
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:45 a.m.  
Young Peoples meeting on Monday evening at 8 p.m.  
D. Sheard, Pastor.  
The Little Church with the Big Welcome.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH NOTES**  
Service of Holy Communion will be held in St. Mary's church on Sunday, December 11, 2 p.m.

The W.A. of St. Mary's will hold a Sale of Home Cooking and Farm Produce on Saturday, December 10 at the Irma Food Market. There will also be a Mystery Table. Come and guess the weight of a lovely turkey, kindly donated by Mrs. G. Coulman. Should there be more than two persons guess the correct weight of the turkey, there will be consolation prizes of chickens, kindly donated by Mrs. W. Rae and Mrs. A. Pirks.

## IRMA LEGION

The annual meeting for the election of officers for the coming year will take place in the Legion Hall, Monday, Dec. 13 at 8:30 p.m.

Veterans are asked to put forth a special effort to attend this meeting to elect the men you want in the respective offices.

## Village Council Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Council of the Village of Irma, Alberta, was held in the Village office on the 5th day of December, 1965 at the hour of 8 p.m. Full council present: W. Symington, C. P. Jones and V. S. Sampson. Mayor Sampson presiding.

Minutes of previous regular monthly meeting were read and passed on motion of C. P. Jones. Mr. Stanley Murray was present re welfare of Mr. Clarence A. Nolan. Secretary instructed to contact Medical Officer of Health, Minburn - Vermilion Health Unit, regard this matter.

A further letter was read from Mr. A. W. Burton re easement 12.22 A Block R 1560W. C. P. Jones moved that Mr. Burton again be asked to return Cheque No. 1125 issued to him in settlement, together with copies of agreements forwarded to him for signature and that these be returned within ten days.

It was moved that the appointment of Bishop, McKenzie and Jackson of Edmonton retained to look after the interests of the Village re Water and Sewer Project be confirmed by Council. Motion by Symington.

Letter read from Searle Grain Co. Ltd. re Minimum Tax. Filed.

Secretary instructed to report by registered mail to all persons liable to the Minimum Tax whose tax remain unpaid, that such tax be paid forthwith. In the matter of using the skating rink for hockey matches, it was agreed that no objections would be raised providing a responsible sponsor was available. Financial Statement presented. Cr. Bank of Montreal \$9953.43. Cash on hand \$172.50. Outstanding Cheques \$4719.97. Net balance \$7540.96. Accounts payable \$5399.86.

C. P. Jones moved that accounts as examined by Council, be passed for payment.

C. P. Jones moved to adjourn.

## DONATIONS

A further donation to the Protestant Home for Children in memory of the late Mrs. Hilma Satre has been received from Mr. and Mrs. J. Hearn of Hardisty. Further donations in her memory of have been made: To the Irma United Church Memorial Fund from Ron and Evelyn Currie; To the Lutheran Church from Mr. and Mrs. Harold Glover; To the Crippled Children's Fund from Mr. and Mrs. H. Barber; Mrs. G. Ramsey and Mrs. Nash.

The following donations were omitted by error in previous list of donations: To Polo Fund in memory of Mrs. R. D. Allen from Maynard Allens, Violet Grove; Elsie and Dave Arnold; and Donna Faye, Violet Grove; Mild, Dorothy and Dave Clay, Paradise Valley; Clair Allen, Viking; F. K. Chumstad, Irma; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wakefield, Fabvan.

## Card of Thanks

I would like to thank the friends and neighbors for the cards, flowers and fruit I received while in hospital. Also those who came to visit me and for the lovely presents given to our baby.

I would also like to thank all those who so kindly remembered me when I was sick in the hospital recently. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

Adeline and baby  
Mavis Hockett.

## Glen-Coa Gleanings

Sharon Luthern will have the pleasure of hearing about missionary work in Madagascar next Sunday afternoon, December 11 at 3 p.m. Miss Lilian Tyndel, missionary on furlough, will be the speaker. Those of us who have heard Miss Tyndel before, look forward to her visit.

Mr. Orville Likness is attending the FUA convention in Edmonton this week as a delegate of the Jarrow Local.

Trips to Camrose were made last week by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Erickson and Mr. and Mrs. T. Larson and family.

Mr. Orin Spring has employment in the city for the winter. Sharon Ladies Aid will meet at the R. Erickson home on Wednesday, Dec. 14. Assistant hostesses are Mrs. H. Fuder and Mrs. O. Likness. This meeting will be the WAFF Christmas program.

## Northern Nuggets

On Friday, January 13 at 8:00 p.m. the Triangle Association are sponsoring a Cribbage Drive in the Albert School.

A Little Jean Freier and her infant brother Neil are patients in the Mannville hospital suffering from bronchial flu.

We are very sorry to report also that Mr. Alf Larson is in the University Hospital suffering from a very serious eye injury. Mr. Larson is with him. His many friends wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

## To Finish Highway 36 In Two Years

**TABER**—The prospect of a start of construction on highway No. 36 between Taber and Vauxhall, with definite assurance of completion by 1967.

By Hon. Gordon E. Taylor, Alberta's minister of highways, at a meeting of some 70 representatives from areas extending from Warner to south of Brooks in Taber. The meeting was attended by delegations from Warner, Wrentham, Taber, Vauxhall, Scandia and Rainier.

Making no commitments which could be fulfilled, Mr. Taylor assured the gathering that a survey would be made the coming year between Vauxhall and Brooks and locations of two bridges necessary on the highway at Scandia over the Bow River, and one over the Red Deer River, would be determined.

## Albertans Excel At Chicago

Two 4-H club members from Alberta walked off with the wheat and oat championships at the Chicago International Livestock Exposition last week while two Alberta farmers claimed the barley and rye crowns, making it almost a clean sweep for Alberta in the cereal classes.

12-year-old Jerry Leiske, of Beiseker, a member of the Carbon 4-H wheat club, won the North American wheat championship with a sample of Chincok wheat. In the oat class Miss Grace Koshman, 15, of the Abee 4-H club, claimed the crown.

The barley championship went to F. J. Schultz of Coutts. Jack McBride, of Benalto, took top honors for rye.

Grade 4 of the Irma School is having a sale of plaques, popcorn balls and candy in Larry's Food Market on Saturday afternoon, December 17. Proceeds are for the Junior Red Cross, and buying game boards for the classroom.

The Jarrow W.A. is holding a sale of work, mystery table, fish pond, tea and goodies for everyone on Saturday, p.m. Dec. 10 at 2:30 at the Jarrow Hall.

**CHRISTMAS SPECIALS**—New 1965 9.6 cu. ft. IH refrigerator, 36 lb. freezer, rollout shelves, \$75.00 off. Used 9 cu. ft. Frigidaire Refrigerator for \$100.00. Includes truck, tractor and farm machinery for the kids. —P. E. Jones Co. 9-16

## EASTERLY ECHOES

Congratulations to the winners of the recent Farmers Bouspiel. Curling is a month earlier than usual this year due to suitable low temperatures. Secretly, some of us wish to see a few weeks of weather with ice melting temperature.

The first Hereford production sale of Stu Fenton's held in Edmonton last week proved quite successful.

George and Johnnie Worthing have returned from a big game hunt with two moose.

Mrs. McCartney of Abbotsford, B.C., has been spending a few days visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Doolson.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Oldham have returned from a trip to Minnesota. While they were away, Irene and Alice stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Oldham and had a good visit with their cousins, Carol, Ruth and Linda.

We understand that Miss K. Youmker is in University Hospital and is able to be up and about in moderation and on crutches.

## SPECIAL NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS & CORRESPONDENTS

The Irma Times Christmas issue will be dated Friday, Dec. 16, which will be a little earlier than last year.

Mrs. Riley has on hand a portfolio of suitable season's greetings for your consideration and selection, and will be around to see you.

All notices and advertisements for the holiday season should be ready by December 14 or earlier.

THE IRMA STAFF

## Kinsella News

Mr. and Mrs. W. Greenwood left on Wednesday, Nov. 30 for an extended holiday, visiting relatives in Ontario.

Mrs. J. Lancaster and Mrs. R. Stevens spent Tuesday in Wainwright, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Webster.

Mr. C. Horinek, Marvin Horipek and George Loates attended the National Evangelistic Mission meeting held in Vegreville last Wednesday, the 30th.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. J. Daugherty of Loughed to Kinsella. Mr. Daugherty has taken over the B.A. garage.

Mrs. Walter Garvie is at present in Fargo, N.D., where she attended the funeral of her uncle, Mr. Wm. Pedersen.

The Kinsella Branch of the Canadian Legion, held the official opening of their new club room on Thursday evening, Dec. 1. A social evening was held in the Kinsella Memorial Hall when the members of the Legion entertained a number of guests at a movie, which was followed by a bountiful lunch. At the close of the lunch, Mr. G. Peterson, the newly elected president, introduced the guest speakers, who were Mr. S. Hafso, Zone Commander; Mr. R. Congdon, District Commander and also the President of the Wainwright Branch.

Mr. J. F. Murray, on behalf of the guests, proposed a vote of thanks to the hosts for an enjoyable evening. This was followed by singing "If They Are Jolly Good Fellows".

The BPOE Bingo in aid of the Children's Christmas Tree Fund held on Friday, Dec. 2 was well attended and the winners received very reasonable prizes. At the close of the bingo a dance was held.

Please come and meet your friends at the OORP Pic and Cake Bingo on December 16. A Doll and Turkey will also be raffled during the evening.

Donations to Kinsella United Church Improvement Fund in memory of Mrs. C. Mackay; Mr. and Mrs. C. Brickman and Mary; Mrs. C. Cormack, Carl and Elsie.

## Meier Rink Wins Grand Challenge in Town Spiel

Last week, with 16 rinks contending, the annual Townsman's Bouspiel sponsored by the farmers who played in the Farmers Spiel, was run off.

This event all helped to get curling off to a good start for another season.

Those who were fortunate enough to share in the honors and prizes were as follows:

**Grand Challenge**

1. Larry Meier, Jim Hinton, Betty Kirkman, Mrs. Orl Lov-

is—4 turkeys.

2. F. Drewick, Mrs. Milne, Wayne Pendleton, Gordon Lov-

is—bacon.

3. R. Brower, Evelyn Christ-

ianson, J. Randle, J. McDuff—eggs.

4. M. Fahner, J. Randle, L. Touchette, Pete Belton—choco-

lates, donated by Caf. Cafe.

**Grey Cup**

1. B. Evans, W. Symington, J. Christianson, Mrs. A. D. Glas-

gow—4 lamps.

2. K. Coffin, C. Savard, H. C. Nissen, C. Renwick—bacon.

3. E. Sharkey, G. Pendleton, Mrs. L. Mider, Bruce Bridgman—chocolates.

4. E. Prosser, L. Cashman, Gladys Evans, Bill Matthews—butter.

Curling has now settled down to the regular draw and in spite of the cold weather is still a well patronized sport.

The following is the result of the third event (citizens) of the Farmers Spiel, which had not been completed last week.

7. C. Smallwood, Mrs. Small-

wood, W. Doolson, R. Dempsey—oil, donated by P. E. Jones Co.

8. S. Fenton, Mrs. Fenton, M. Green—donated by C. August.

9. B. Dunbar, J. Savard, Lor-

raine Smallwood, G. Renwick—White Rose Oil donated by Andy and Bill's garage.

4. A. Cairns, C. Cairns, N. Cairns and S. Guilbra—four pictures donated by Mrs. C. F. Lang.

## KIEFER'S SHOWS at IRMA

Friday, Dec. 9 8:40 p.m.

"WE'RE NO ANGELS"

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IDEAS"

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## Two main ways make egg profits

Eggs become a major conversation piece among consumers when the prices are high and among producers when the prices are low. The price of eggs fluctuates from season to season and from year to year probably more than any other farm product. There are therefore two main fields in which the individual egg producer can gain maximum profits on his poultry stock. Firstly, he can "ride the poultry cycle" on seasonal basis by preparing early layers in order to sell on the early market when the supply is low; and on a yearly basis by studying provincial poultry population to see whether egg production is likely to be above or below average for the coming year.

Secondly the individual egg producer can increase his poultry profits by lowering his production costs. Egg production per hen has the greatest effect on poultry production costs according to Alf Petersen of the Alberta Department of Agriculture. Mr. Petersen has been conducting the Mixed Farm Study for the Department over the last four years.

The study revealed that a hen producing eggs at the rate of 125 eggs a year produces them at a cost of 62 cents a dozen. A hen producing eggs at the rate of more than 150 a year does so at 63 cents a dozen. In a year each 150-a-year hen will have produced \$3.25 in production costs.

Mr. Petersen goes on to point out that the size of the egg is another important profit feature. Farms with over 500 hens could produce eggs at 15 cents a dozen cheaper than those carrying less than 300 hens. Those with 2,500 birds could produce eggs at 8 cents a dozen cheaper than those with less than 300 birds.

These then are the two main items to remember in lowering egg production costs: (1) high production per hen, and (2) larger than average sized flock. The two go hand in hand. A large flock with low production will not give the operator a large overall profit.

### Hot foot!

While investigating settler fires in the Opasatika, Ont. area, a ranger observed a number of cows grazing peacefully in a fenced pasture. Suddenly a cow leaped into the air and high-tailed it to the barn with a series of agonized cries.

Investigation revealed that a ground fire in the adjacent area of newly-cleared land had burned underneath the pasture for a considerable distance and had come up under the unsuspecting cow.

Beavers bear litters of two to six once a year, late in the spring.

## Most foundation vegetable seed developed by trained personnel

The Canadian vegetable seed grower has depended in the past on plant breeders at experimental stations and universities to provide him with pure seed which could be used to produce seed of high quality for general distribution.

Whenever the need arises, usually once in five or six years, these plant breeders meet to review the changing requirements of the seed grower. This year they met at Vernon, B.C., June 11 to 14 just prior to the annual meeting of the Canadian Seed Growers Association. The plant breeders work closely with this organization which is responsible for regulating the production of pedigreed seed in Canada.

Pure vegetable seed, better known as "foundation seed," is produced by exacting methods. Although a few careful growers produce foundation stocks, the bulk of it is developed by trained personnel at research institutions.

### You can't go ALL-OUT

If you feel "ALL-IN" These days most people work under pressure, worry more, sleep less. This strain on body and mind makes physical fitness easier to lose—harder to regain. Today's time limit, lower resistance, overwork, worry—any of these may affect normal kidney action. When kidneys get out of order, excess acids and wastes remain in the system. Then backache, disturbed rest, that "fired-out" heavy-headed feeling often follow. That's the time to take Doda's Kidney Pills. Doda's stimulates the kidneys to normal action. Then you feel better—deeper better—work better. Ask for Doda's Kidney Pills at any drug counter.

## OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—THE STRUMS A GAY GUITAR

By KERRY WOOD

"I COULDN'T help it," Corby'd explain why he stayed away from a job. "I had a chance to play at the Valley Dance."

Strictly a fiddlin' man, except that he did it with a guitar. Corby came to Willowdale when he was old enough to be done with singing stuff, too, having a bald spot and crowfoot wrinkles. He set up in a cabin on the edge of town, but he didn't need to cook too often; the ladies weren't slow with invites to their kitchens.

Women who should have known better paid him heed. It started with Miss Roche and ended with the Widow Masters, who was clerk of the court where they issued marriage licenses.

"I'll sing you one called 'Dearly Loved,'" Corby would say. "Might've been written for you."

A fiddlin' man, for sure. Oh, he could do fancy carpentry and knew the strawberry social and a dandy eye for decorating. Now and then, realizing Corby's handiness, some business man would offer him a steady job. But he'd never work more than a few days before there would be some picnic or such and away he'd go. So Corby became an odd-job man, with fiddlin' on his guitar and singing love songs his main interest. Plus the ladies.

Started with Vi Roche, the was at a neat little spinster as you'd meet in a double month. Corby sang "Wishing for You" at her dancing, the ladies weren't slow with invites to their kitchens. She bloomed like a school girl. After six months as Corby's lady-friend, with no real end in sight, she caught herself a case over him. She bloomed like a school girl. After six months as Corby's lady-friend, with no real end in sight, she caught herself a case over him. She bloomed like a school girl. After six months as Corby's lady-friend, with no real end in sight, she caught herself a case over him.

Then he met up with Mrs. Masters. A fine woman, the kind that's called "capable." She was a young and lost her husband to pneumonia. Corby sang her "The Widow in Gray" one night. Mrs. Masters caught it good.

Corby kept singing, so Miss Simpson put her hand on Corby's shoulder and said: "Corby, I love you."

That's how I feel about you, too," Corby said.

"We'll get married right away," Corby said.

"Yes, ma'am," agreed Corby.

"But I got a few things to settle first."

"Such as what, darling?"

"Well, we'll need a larger house than my old shack."

"We can live here, Corby. I own this cottage, clear title and no mortgage. And it's big enough for us."

"That's swell," smiled Corby. "But I tell the truth, I'm flat broke. Course, I got lots of ideas for makin' a stake, and I'll start workin' them out soon's possible."

"But, darling," said Mrs. Masters, "I got money in the bank. As for work, I own a third interest in the Hagen furniture store, so I made Clem Hagen promise to give you a job in charge of the repair department. You start work the Monday after we come back from our trip."

"Our trip, ma'am?"

"Yes," Mrs. Masters looked coy. "At Coral Sands. We'll go in my old sedan and really have ourselves a holiday. It's all settled, Mrs. Masters beamed."

"Yes, ma'am!"

"I've even made the marriage plans, dear, knowing how you men hate fussy details. So you just come along to the church mass on Friday, at three. I've already spoken to the Reverend Tanner, and here's the marriage license all ready to fill out."

"Darn good of you," Corby said, taking the pen she handed him. "A home, a job, and—and you!"

"Yes," cooed Mrs. Masters, kissing his bald spot. "I'll belong to you."

Corby picked up his guitar, "There's a song by that name," he commented, and sang it.

She called in the neighbors to help celebrate. Corby certainly was in a daze.

"Have some more angel cake, Corby," Mrs. Masters offered, arching her eyes at him.

"I'm sure a lucky man," said Corby, and he cheered as he kissed her.

Mrs. Masters gave up the wedding details. "You're all invited," we were all there, too.

All except Corby, that is. We heard, later on, that he'd moved out to the Cypress Hills country. We hear that he's still fiddlin' away with his guitar, while the ladies still like him and cook up for him.

But Corby hasn't taken one of them walks up any church aisle, as yet.

### Flower arranging university course

Flower arranging and gardening have taken their place in the realm of higher education—at least at Michigan State University.

Flower enthusiasts, who face busy speaking schedules before club groups go to "college" at MSU for special instructor-training courses.

Women enrolled in the courses later conduct short courses in their home towns and address gardening groups and women's clubs.

During the period of increase only the seed plants that are as nearly alike as possible is saved. Finally, samples of this pure seed are sent to five or six trial groups at several Canadian universities where the purity of the seed and the uniformity of the plants it produces are closely checked. This seed conform to a specially prepared and detailed description of the stock. The seed and plants grown by the plant breeder are inspected also for disease infection. If all reports are favorable, the C.S.G.A. then issues a foundation certificate and the seed is offered to registered seed growers.

Approximately 165 pure seed or foundation stocks of desirable vegetable varieties are currently available. It was noted with concern at the Vernon meeting that registered seed production has sharply decreased in recent years and consequently the use of foundation stocks has declined. The reason for this is the keen competition from seed growers in Europe and the United States.

A marked increase in the use of hybrid vegetable seed is noted. One Canadian seed firm distributed several thousand pounds of onion seed alone in 1955. Most hybrid vegetable seed originates in the United States. This far the C.S.G.A. has accepted only limited quantities of hybrid vegetable seed for registration. More attention may have to be given to such seed in future. The Morden station has acknowledged the value of first generation hybrids for some time and as a result four hybrid vegetables have been developed here and introduced to the seed trade—Morden Experimental Station.

TOOTHISOME MORSEL—Mushrooms go well with any dish—including "cheesequake." Bonnie Jones roses to prove it. Plants her job. She's been chosen "Miss Mushroom of 1955."

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NEW RECORD—Campbell wears a broad grin and gives the thumbs up sign as he throws back the cockpit canopy after setting a new record of 216.2 m.p.h. He gives a little indication of the terrific beating he took on the return run when Bluebird was battered by winds.

## Half the fun of Christmas is sharing festive preparations

Everybody gets a job to do, preparing for the festivities, for Christmas. For a time of sharing. Half the fun of Christmas fills the weeks before, preparing for that one day. You can't miss getting the Christmas spirit if everything about you is taking on the joyous feeling of the season.

Color gives your home a pleasing appearance. Before you choose your ornaments, give some thought to the proportion of their setting, their relation to the color and pattern of other furnishings.

Start with the doorway. The holiday spirit comes into the house with the first sprays of fresh greenery. For a simple touch, hang an evergreen swag on one side of the door and bedeck it with red and gold balls. Attach solidly a giant poinsettia to the door knocker also.

As your guests open the front door, let them discover that you've decorated beyond the doorway. You may garland, festoon, or ornament anything you like with which look nice at the entrance where a few well-chosen decorations appear. So avoid clutter.

Keep it simple. You are unlimited by no end of possibilities for decorating your home. Simplicity is the keynote.

The decorating scheme we have worked out for you here proves again this axiom.

From the "Christmas Ideas" edition of Better Homes and Gardens the following tips might give you a start:

Hang evergreen roping gracefully over wall fixtures. Use shelves and permanent wall decorations for draping garlands.

Hang the holiday spirit from the ceiling with graduated sizes of baubles on the front of your fireplace.

Holiday gaiety and glamor center around the Christmas tree. It keynotes the spirit of Yuletide in your home. Use a real tree as an natural a state as possible. If you use two or three colors on a tree for harmonious trimming, hang them evenly to have a balance of color on all sides. Being the focal point of all activities, the tree should occupy an important spot in the family room.

The trick is to serve guests the way you can do best. Choose a menu that is prepared with little effort. If you already have a colorful cloth, dress it up for the holidays by sewing gold-colored beads around edge. String matching beads on elastic thread for napkin rings.

Fireplace trim For the back of your fireplace, frame the top and one side of it with pine roping. Attach colored balls to the roping with paper clips. Snowflakes that match those found on the tree add glamor.

Hang your stockings from bookshelves instead of traditional fireplace. Make stocking of felt that harmonizes with color scheme.

INVASION

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## Canadian statistics report

(A Weekly Review)

Foreign Trade: Canada's domestic exports in September rose 16 percent in value over a year earlier to reach the highest figure recorded for this month. In the nine months this year there was a gain of 11.7 percent. Increased sales of minerals, metals and their products, chemicals and forest products were mainly responsible for the gains in the month and nine months, agriculture, vegetable and animal products being lower.

Manufacturing: Shipments values rose 3 percent during September over August, bringing the gain for the first nine months over 1954 to more than 11 percent.

Motor Accidents: Motor-vehicle accidents were fewer in Canada (excluding Quebec) during the first six months this year, but resulted in more deaths and injuries. Fatalities rose to 788 from 717 in the first half of 1954 and the number injured to 20,188 from 18,894. In the heavy traffic month of July, 195 more were killed and 1,931 injured.

Transportation: Railway carloadings continued their advance in November with a rise of 13 percent during the first week over last year. Cumulative increase for the year to November 7 was 11.4 percent.

Employment: Both employment and unemployment remained unusually stable for the time of year from mid-September to mid-October, a slight seasonal drop in persons with jobs being nearly offset by a seasonal decline in the labor force. November with jobs at October 22 was estimated at 5,477,000, only 18,000 less than 4 months earlier, and the labor force at 5,619,000, down about 14,000. Persons without jobs and seeking work were up in number to 1,142,000 from 1,280,000, but well under the total of 180,000 in October last year.

Labor Income: Total wages, salaries and supplementary labor income of Canadian paid workers in August was at an estimated record level of \$1,158,000,000, over 8 percent more than in August, 1954. Aggregate labor income for the first eight months of this year thus far.

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BY HENNETT CREEP

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## Local News

We will be making out a new mailing list during the Christmas holidays. Please be sure your subscription to the Times is paid up before then.

Mrs. M. Chase is a patient in Wainwright hospital. Mrs. C. S. Smallwood is taking care of her work at the Irma school.

A hundred and ten pounds of used clothing in very fine condition was packed by the WMS last week and shipped for Korean Relief.

The WMS will hold its Christmas meeting in the Irma United Church on the afternoon of Dec. 15. All ladies of Irma and district most cordially invited to attend.

The December meeting of St. Mary's W.A. will be held at the home of Mrs. G. Coulman on Tuesday, the 13th at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. I. T. Skiles of Ryley spent last week-end here at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. P. Tomlinson.

Mr. H. L. Black is home from the Wainwright hospital, and much improved in health. Mr. G. Hurst left Irma last week-end for a month's holiday to join Mrs. Hurst who is visiting with their daughter, Mrs. Gage, at The Dells, in Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Anquist and family went to Castor on Sunday last to visit with Mr. and Mrs. P. Webber.

Mr. and Mrs. Erling Larson and family are moving into Irma from the Alberta district. They will take up residence in the house belonging to Mrs. Tinholm.

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